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In re Application of :
Zucker, Peckover, and Poore : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Application No. 09/100,671 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: 19 June, 1998 :
Attorney Docket No. 19010.715 :

This is in response to the twice renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a)¹ filed on 16 April, 2001 (certificate of mailing date 10 April, 2001).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the affidavit of Ruben C. DeLeon establishes that a copy of the application was sent to the non-signing inventor, Jeffrey Zucker, via his attorney, but that Zucker failed to execute and return the declaration. Additionally, a copy of the application was sent by courier to Zucker's home, but Zucker refused, via his wife, to accept delivery of the application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

¹A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee; and

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at (703)308-6918.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beverly M. Flanagan".

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In re Application of
Zucker et al.
Application No. 09/100,671
Filed: 19 June, 1998
For: Third Party Privacy System

Dear Mr. Zucker:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at 703/308-6918. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at 703/308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at 703/308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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